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SUBJECT: CASE OF DANIEL FIELD

1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY SHOULD AT ITS DISCRETION RAISE INFORMALLY WITH THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES VISA REFUSAL OF DR. DANIEL FIELD OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY AS AN EXAMPLE OF ACTION WHICH CAN HAVE ADVERSE AFFECT ON U.S. ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES' INTEREST IN EXCHANGES WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

2. IN NOVEMBER OF 1976 DR. DANIEL FIELD OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, DR. WILLIAM PARKER OF YALE UNIVERSITY AND DR. MACK THOMPSON OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION APPLIED FOR VISAS TO GO TO THE SOVIET UNION TO CONDUCT A COLLOQUIUM ON THE LATE 19TH CENTURY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE USSR UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE US/USSR BINATIONAL AGENDA COMMISSION. THIS EXCHANGE IS CARRIED UNDER THE ACLS-USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AUSPICES. THIS WAS THIRD OF FOUR PLANNED COLLOQUIUM, THE FOURTH  
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OF WHICH IS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR IN ALASKA.

3. AFTER SOME DELAY SOVIET EMBASSY REFUSED TO ISSUE VISA TO FIELD. NO REASON FOR REFUSAL WAS GIVEN, BUT

FIELD WAS A GRADUATE STUDENT IN THE USSR IN 1964/65 AND WAS EXPELLED THEN IN RETALIATION FOR US EXPULSION OF

SOVIET GRADUATE STUDENT. FIELD ASSERTS THAT HE WAS TOLD AT THE TIME THAT SOVIETS HAD "NOTHING PERSONAL" AGAINST HIM AND THAT HE WAS SIMPLE VICTIM OF RETALIATION.

4. ON HEARING OF FIELD REFUSAL REMAINDER US GROUP REFUSED TO GO TO SOVIET UNION FOR COLLOQUIUM. DEPARTMENT APPROACHED SOVIET EMBASSY TO OBTAIN REVERSAL OF DECISION ON VISA BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS.

5. WE ARE TOLD BY THOMPSON OF AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION THAT U.S. ACADEMIC COMMUNITY SUPPORTS REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN MOSCOW COLLOQUIUM WITHOUT FIELD AND CANCELLATION OF ALASKA COLLOQUIUM. AHA HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN RAISING MATTER INFORMALLY DURING COURSE OF REGULAR CONTACTS WITH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. TWO ACADEMY OFFICIALS FAMILIAR WITH CASE ARE VICE PRESIDENT YEVGENIY ZHUKOV AND FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT HEAD ALEXANDER KULAKOV.

6. AT ITS DISCRETION EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO RAISE FIELD CASE WITH ACADEMY OFFICIALS, NOTING THAT U.S. TEAM PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO MOSCOW THIS SPRING TO COMPLETE THEIR SCHEDULED COLLOQUIUM, BUT THAT THEY WILL NOT COME UNLESS FIELD GRANTED A VISA. CONTINUED REFUSAL OF FIELD VISA COULD LEAD TO CANCELLATION OF PLANS FOR ALASKA COLLOQUIUM AND LEAVE BAD TASTE IN MOUTH OF U.S. ACADEMIC CIRCLES INTERESTED IN EXCHANGES. PLEASE REPORT RESPONSE.

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